

momentum • the moment of truth

VARIOUS PASSAGES

September 11, 2011

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James 1:2-15 (p. 837)**momentum principle**

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